

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. Applicant has rewritten claims 1, 4, 8, 15 canceled claims 6, 7, 17-19 and added new claims 20. Favorable reconsideration of this application is, consequently, earnestly solicited in view of the following remarks. Applicant gratefully appreciates the examiner's indication that claims 7-11 and 14 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the novel subject matter of former dependent claims 6 and 7. Independent claim 15 has been amended to include similar novel method steps, and new independent claim 20 is believed allowable.

The objection to the specification is now moot in view of the amendment above.

Claims 1-14 and 18 were rejected under sec. 112, second paragraph. This rejection is now moot in view of the amendments to the claims above.

Claims 1-3 were rejected under sec.102b as being anticipated by Talley '519. This rejection is now moot since claim 1 has been amended to include the novel subject matter of former dependent claims 6-7.

Claims 1-3 and 6 were rejected under sec.102b as being anticipated by Venge '893. This rejection is now moot since claim 1 has been amended to include the novel subject matter of former dependent claims 6-7.

Claims 17-19 were rejected under sec.102b as being anticipated by Buschweller '880. This rejection is now moot since these claims have been canceled.

Claims 4-5 were rejected under sec. 103 as being unpatentable over Talley in view of Davis '638. This rejection is now moot since claim 1 has been amended to include the novel subject matter of former dependent claims 6-7.

Claims 4-5 were rejected under sec. 103 as being unpatentable over Combs in view of Davis '638. This rejection is now moot since claim 1 has been amended to include the novel subject matter of former dependent claims 6-7.

Claims 4-5 were rejected under sec. 103 as being unpatentable over Venge in view of Davis '638. This rejection is now moot since claim 1 has been amended to include the novel subject matter of former dependent claims 6-7.

Claims 12-13 were rejected under sec. 103 as being unpatentable over Talley in view of Singley. This rejection is now moot since claim 1 has been amended to include novel subject matter of former dependent claims 6-7.

Claims 12-13 were rejected under sec. 103 as being unpatentable over Combs in view of Singley. This rejection is now moot since claim 1 has been amended to include novel subject matter of former dependent claims 6-7.

Claim 15 was rejected under sec. 103 as being unpatentable over Talley. This rejection is now moot since claim 15 has been amended to include novel subject matter of former dependent claims 6-7.

Claim 16 was rejected under sec. 103 as being unpatentable over Talley in view of Davis. This rejection is now moot since claim 15 has been amended to include novel subject matter of former dependent claims 6-7.

Claim 15 was rejected under sec. 103 as being unpatentable over Combs. This rejection is now moot since claim 15 has been amended to include novel subject matter of former dependent claims 6-7.


Claim 16 was rejected under sec. 103 as being unpatentable over Combs in view of Davis. This rejection is now moot since claim 15 has been amended to include novel subject matter of former dependent claims 6-7.

Claim 18 was rejected under sec. 103 as being unpatentable over Bushweller in view of UK '338. This rejection is moot since this claim has been canceled.

Applicant contends the references cannot be modified to incorporate the features of subject claims 1-5, 8-16 and 20 without utilizing Applicant's disclosure. The courts have consistently held that obviousness cannot be established by combining the teachings of the prior art to Applicant to produce the claimed invention, absent some teaching, suggestion, incentive or motivation supporting the combination

In view of the foregoing considerations, it is respectfully urged that claims 1-5, 8-16 and 20 be allowed. Such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to contact the attorney at the below listed number.

Respectfully Submitted;

  
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